

historical objects therein (2) to provide public access to the intertidal area and (3) to preserve and protect US Fish and Wildlife Service designated sensitive coastal sage scrub habitat. The Department of the Navy has declared these parcels as excess to its needs and has recommended they be transferred to the National Park Service for inclusion in the boundary of the Monument in accordance with a Memorandum of Agreement dated January 12, 1970.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sondra S. Humphries, Chief, Pacific Land Resources Program Center at (415) 427-1416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby provided that the boundary of Cabrillo National Monument, established pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1255 on October 14, 1913, as amended, is revised, effective as of the date of publication of this notice, to include three parcels of land situated in San Diego County, State of California. The above parcels aggregate 25.60 acres, more or less, and are identified as Tract Nos. 01-103, 01-104 and 01-106 on Boundary Proposal Map, Drawing No. 342/80,034, dated July, 1997. The map is on file at the National Park Service, Pacific Land Resources Program Center, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service, DOI

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan/ Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (ORVMP/SEIS), Big Cypress National Preserve, National Park Service**

**SUMMARY:** A notice of intent for this action that omitted a reference to the SEIS component of the plan was published on January 22, 1996. One purpose of this notice is to correct this omission. Further, in accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190), the National Park Service has initiated a supplemental environmental impact analysis process to identify and assess potential impacts of alternative options for the management of off-road vehicles within the Big Cypress National Preserve. Key management concerns

include the need to protect natural and cultural resources while providing recreational ORV access to the Preserve. A series of meetings, interviews, and surveys were conducted to gather information and the opinions of stakeholders in order to begin preparation of the ORVMP/SEIS.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on or before April 16, 1999. Anyone wishing to provide comments or suggestions on the proposed action should provide comments to the Superintendent at the address stated below.

Following publication of a draft ORVMP/SEIS, representatives of Federal, Tribal, State and local agencies, private organizations and individuals from the general public will be afforded an opportunity to comment at a public meeting. The date, time, and location of the public meeting will be announced in local and regional news media.

**ADDRESSES:** Anyone wishing to provide comments or suggestions on the ORVMP/SEIS may send such information to: Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, HCR 61, Box 110, Ochopee, FL 34141.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** An ORV management plan was initially called for in the final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (1992) for the Preserve. An October 1995 Settlement Agreement filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida also required issuance of the ORVMP/SEIS.

Since 1995, working through a cooperative agreement with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the National Park Service has been collecting data and public opinion for the development of an ORV plan for the Preserve. Efforts to collect data and information included meetings and interviews with groups, organizations and individuals from a variety of sectors including ORV and hunting groups, hiking clubs, environmental groups, employees or associates of the Miccosukee or Seminole Tribes, state agencies, and other federal agencies. Other methods used to gather and solicit information from the public included a mail-back ORV visitors-use survey, a Website and E-mail, and two newsletters, distributed in 1996 and 1997 to an estimated 1600 people.

The National Park Service has now entered that phase of the project in which alternatives for the management of ORVs in the Preserve will be developed and considered. In accordance with the aforementioned National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA), the National Park Service will utilize the public involvement procedures of NEPA to provide an opportunity for the public to receive information and express their views, and to meet with interested members of the public in assessing the potential effects of the alternative options of the ORVMP/SEIS.

The National Park Service will analyze alternatives so as to evaluate differing options for resource protection, visitor use, access, safety and operations. As a conceptual framework for formulating these alternatives, the purposes of the Preserve and associated significant natural and cultural resources, major visitor experiences and management objectives will be specified.

The subsequent availability of the ORVMP/SEIS will be announced by formal notice and via local and regional news media. The draft ORVMP/SEIS is anticipated to be completed and available for public review in 1999. The final ORVMP/SEIS is expected to be completed approximately four months later, with a Record of Decision published in the **Federal Register** not sooner than 30 days after distribution of the final ORVMP/SEIS documents.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Notice of Availability of a Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Existing Natural Gas Pipelines at Padre Island National Seashore, Kenedy and Kleberg Counties, Texas**

The National Park Service has received, for approval, from Houston Pipe Line Company, a Plan of Operations for Existing Natural Gas Pipelines at Padre Island National Seashore. An approved Plan of Operations would serve as a permit for the pipeline operations.

Pursuant to § 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B (36 CFR 9B); the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice in the Office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 20301 Park Road 22, Corpus Christi, Texas. Copies of the documents